

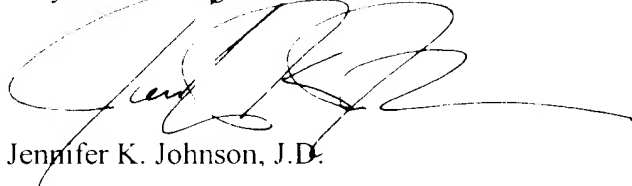
REMARKS

Claims 25-38, and 43-47 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-24 and 39-42 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 25-38 were canceled without prejudice to the prosecution thereof in a subsequent application, in order to pursue certain embodiments of the invention pertaining to methods of using zcytor11-comprising polypeptides of the present invention. Claims 43, 44, 46, and 47 were amended to correct typographical errors and to provide clarity of the claims, and to draft claims commensurate with the scope of the invention. Claims 48-66 were added. Claims 48-50 depend from claims 43-47 respectively, and encompass various embodiments of the invention. Independent claims 51 and 54, 61, and 64 and dependent claims thereon (52-53; 55-60, 62-63, and 65-66 respectively), encompass various embodiments of the invention that include uses for the polypeptides of the present invention. The newly added claims are supported in the specification, particularly in the Examples, original claims, and throughout the specification. The instant claims are drawn to soluble zcytor11-comprising polypeptides and methods of use therefor. An Appendix with the claim set including amended claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience, and shall not be construed as submission of a re-presented claim set under 37 CFR §1.121. No new matter was added by these amendments.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6676.

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Appendix (5 pages)

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